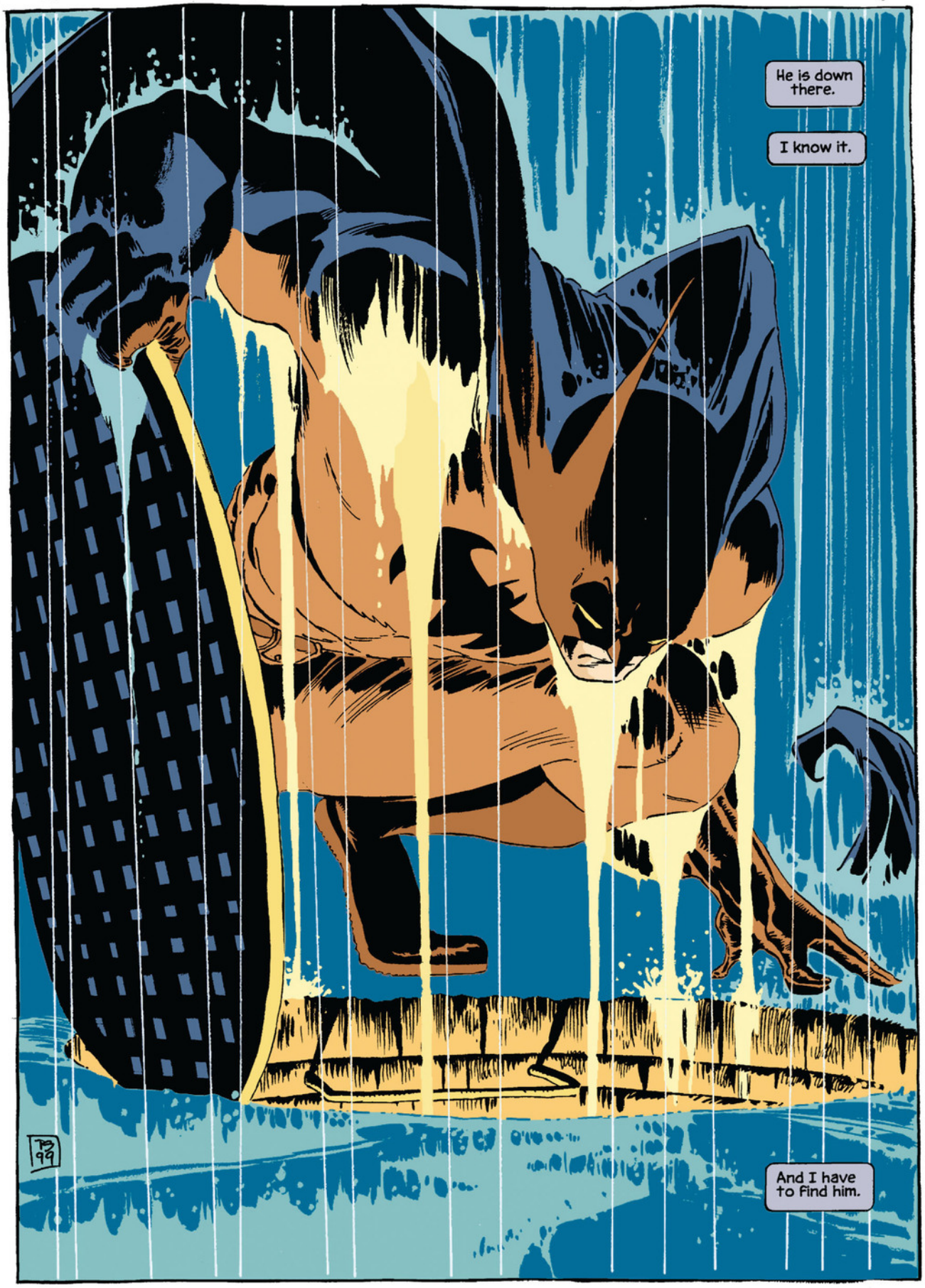
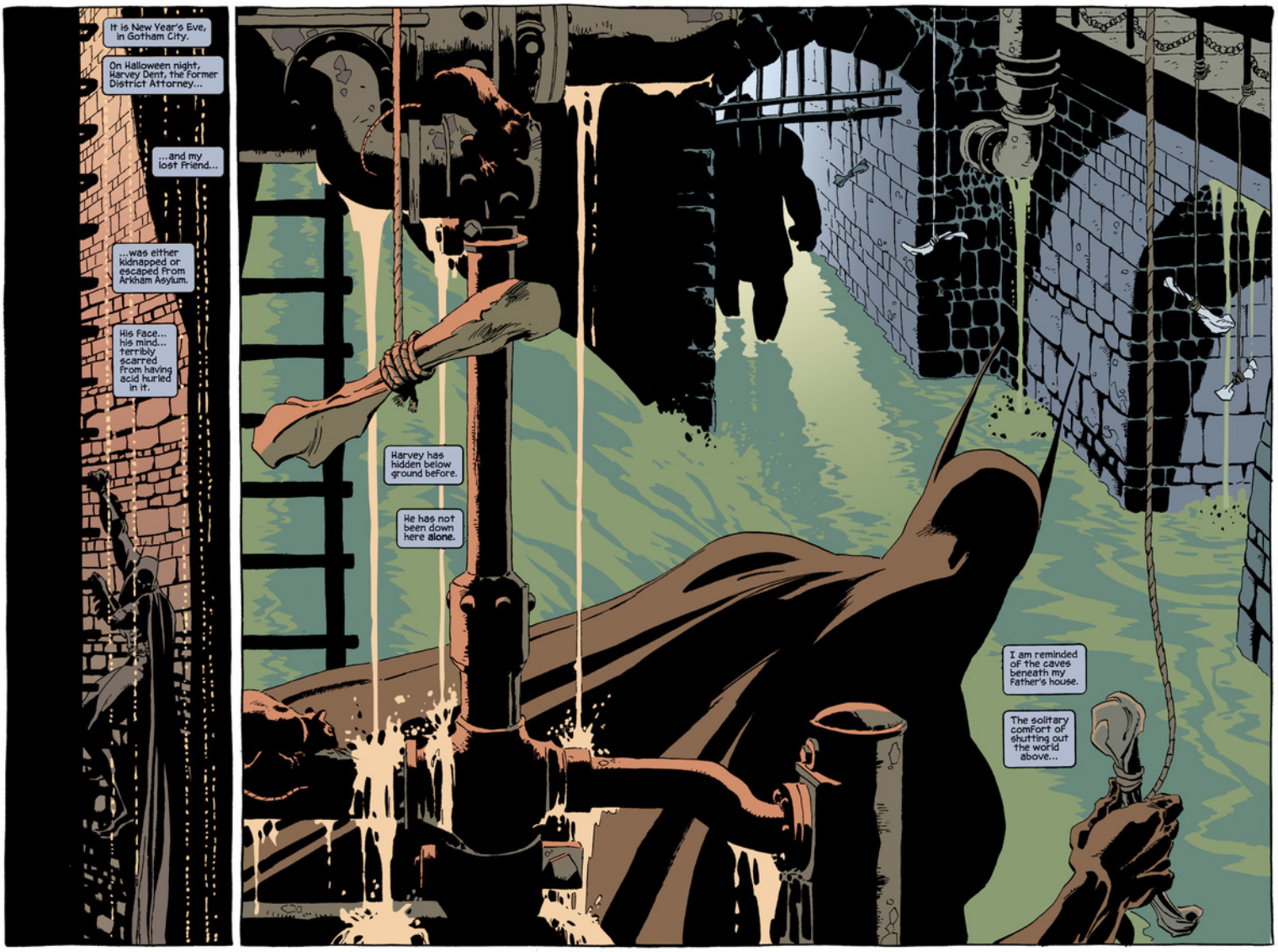
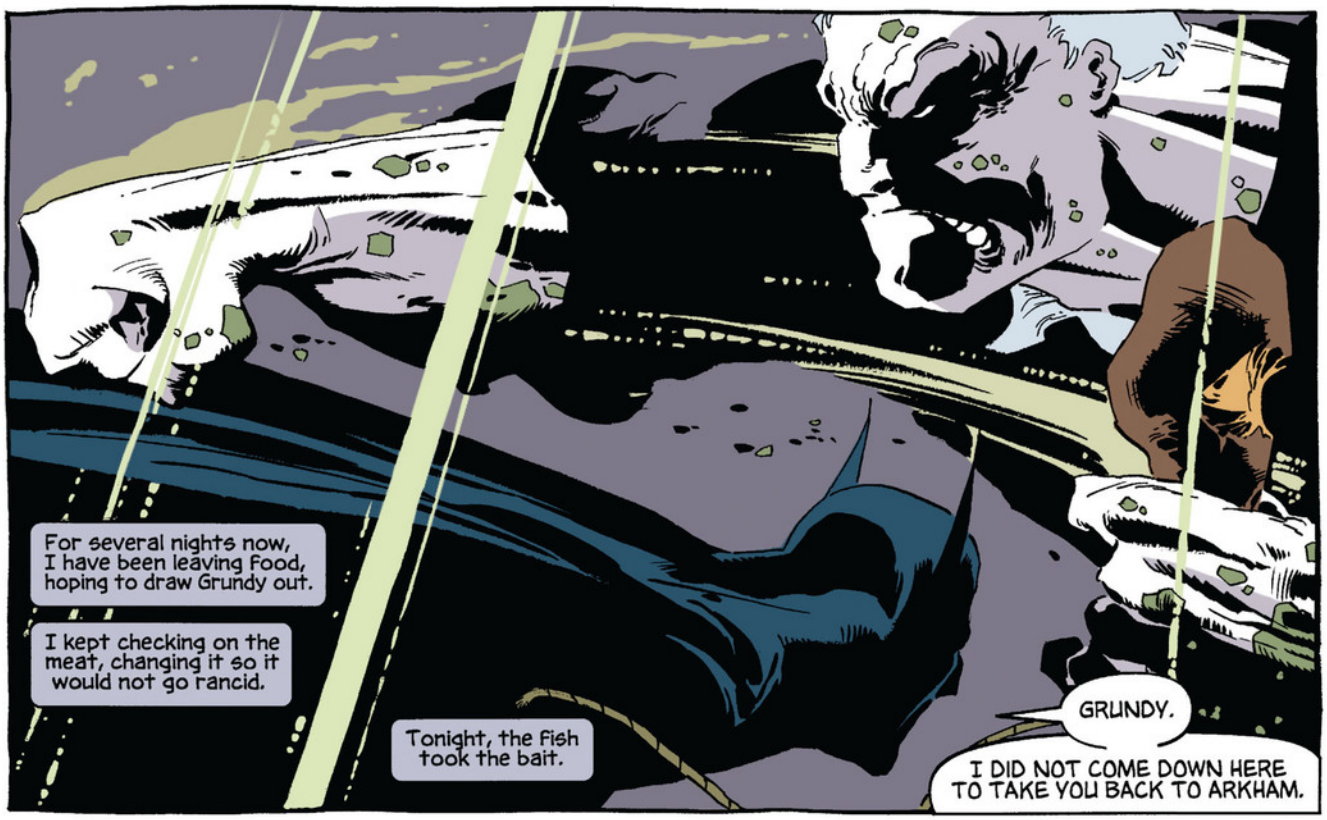
CHAPTER FOUR **LOST**


He is down there.
I know it.
And I have to find him.


It is New Year's Eve, in Gotham City.
On Halloween night, Harvey Dent, the former District Attorney...
...and my lost friend...
...was either kidnapped or escaped from Arkham Asylum.
His face... his mind... terribly scarred from having acid hurled in it.
Harvey has hidden below ground before.
He has not been down here **alone.**
I am reminded of the caves beneath my father's house.
The solitary comfort of shutting out the world above...

...but never shutting out the monsters that live within you.
SOLOMON GRUNDY...
...BORN ON A ƎMMMPHƎ MONDAY...


For several nights now, I have been leaving food, hoping to draw Grundy out.
I kept checking on the meat, changing it so it would not go rancid.
Tonight, the fish took the bait.
GRUNDY.
I DID NOT COME DOWN HERE TO TAKE YOU BACK TO ARKHAM.

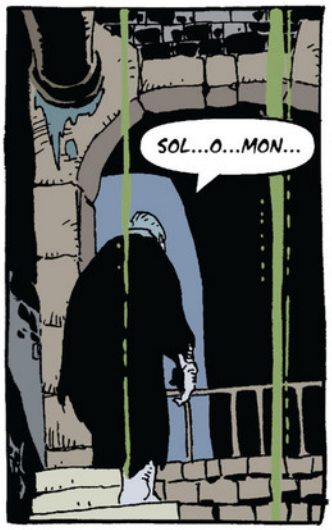
This is his world I have invaded. A world that he had shared for some reason with Dent.
And only Dent.
I DID NOT COME HERE TO FIGHT WITH YOU.

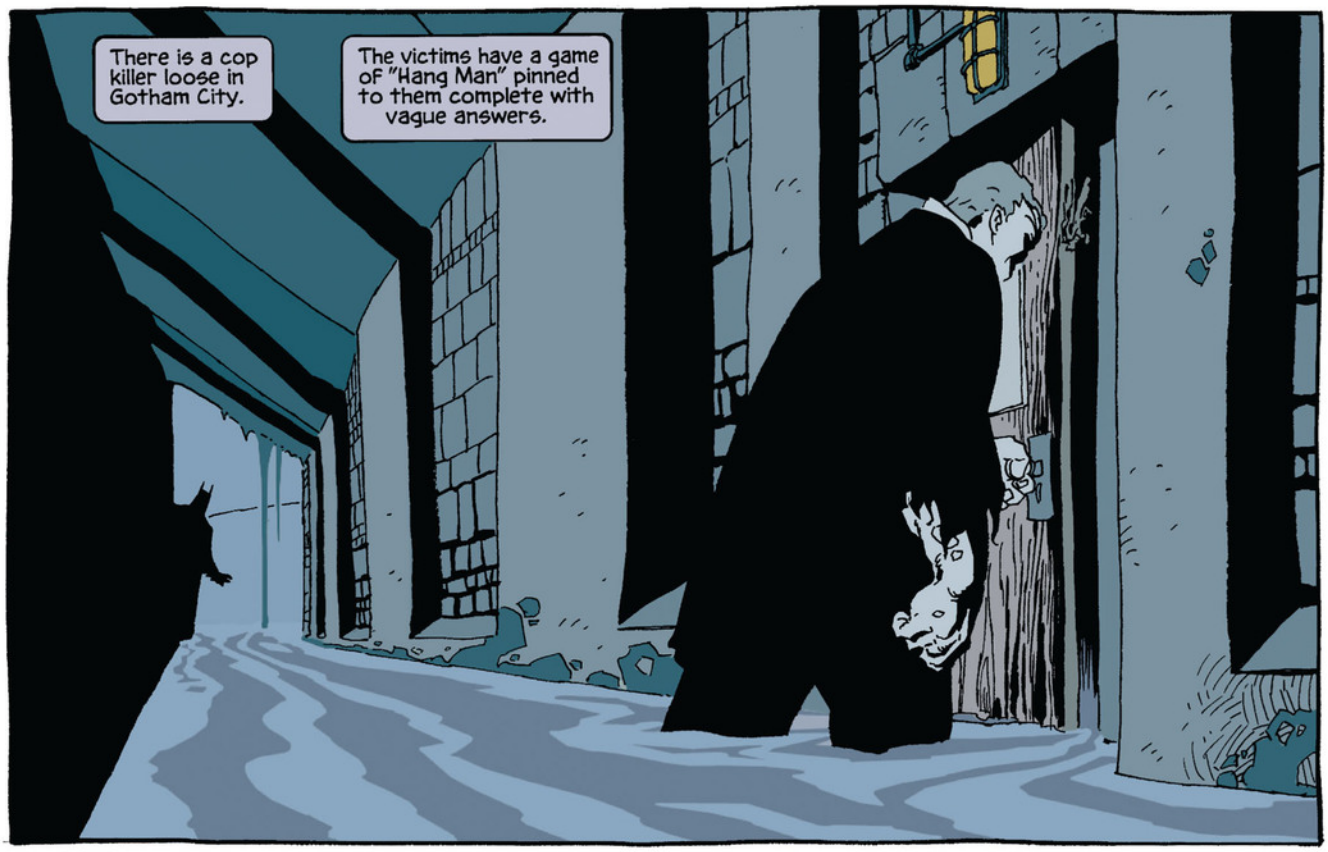
I CAME LOOKING FOR HARVEY DENT.

In the past, Grundy's size and speed have caught me unawares.
The meat I left for him was doctored with horse tranquilizer.
...CHRISTENED ON A DARK...
...AND STORMY...
...TUES...DAY...

HELP ME FIND DENT.

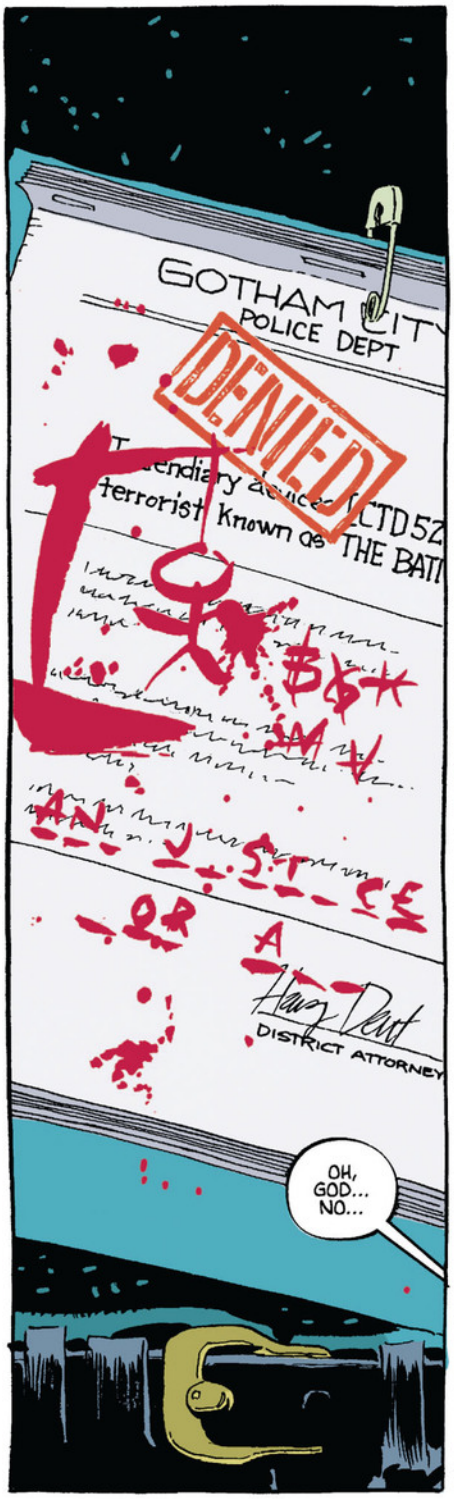
EVERYONE WILL LEAVE YOU ALONE.


SOL...O...MON...


There is a cop killer loose in Gotham City.
The victims have a game of "Hang Man" pinned to them complete with vague answers.

"No one is safe."
"Two can play this game."
"Knows if you've been bad or good."
WHAT IS *THIS...?*

But, the notes themselves that are pinned on --
-- all have a significant connection to Harvey.
They were taken from his private files --
-- or made to look that way.


GOTHAM CITY
POLICE DEPT
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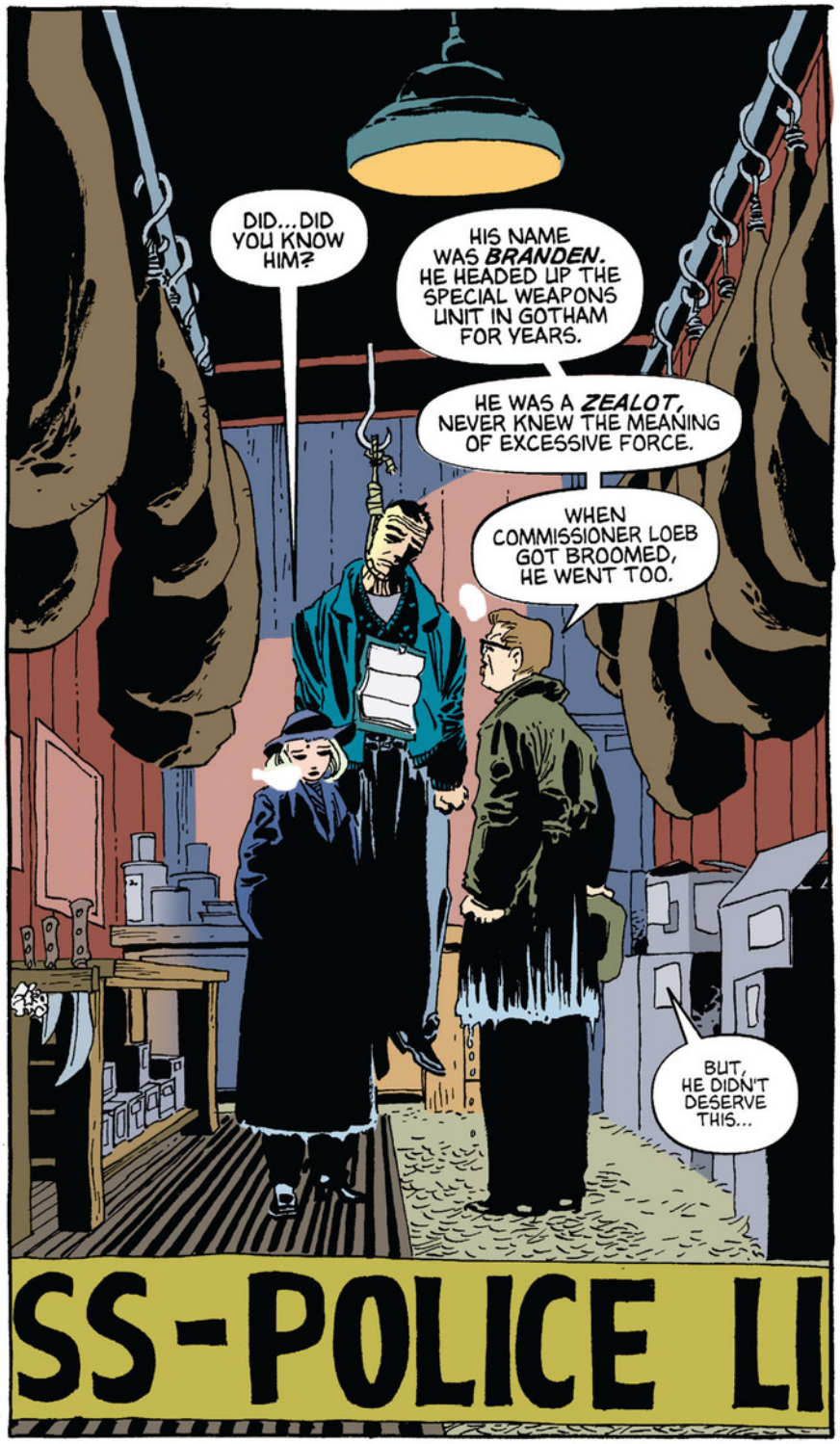
terrorist Known as THE BAT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
OH, GOD... NO...


DID...DID YOU KNOW HIM?
HIS NAME WAS BRANDEN. HE HEADED UP THE SPECIAL WEAPONS UNIT IN GOTHAM FOR YEARS.
HE WAS A ZEALOT, NEVER KNEW THE MEANING OF EXCESSIVE FORCE.
WHEN COMMISSIONER LOEB GOT BROOMED, HE WENT TOO.
BUT, HE DIDN'T DESERVE THIS...
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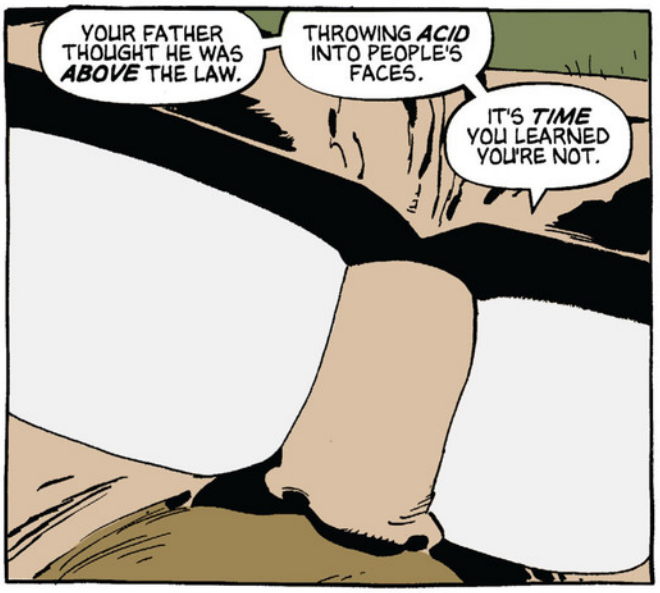
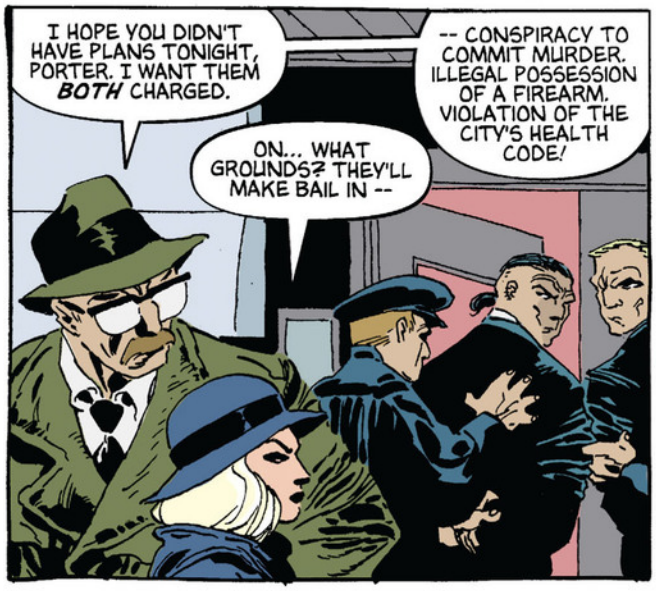
JIM..!

Maroni's Restaurant was Sal "The Boss" Maroni's way of appearing legitimate.
Cloaked in good food and fine wine, the criminal element dined next to decent, honest, hard-working people.
SO, WHAT'S THE GOOD WORD?
YOU GONNA LET US OPEN OR WHAT?
TURN AROUND AND FACE THE WALL --
GET YOUR HANDS BEHIND YOUR BACKS.
WHATTAYOU, NUTS?
WE TOLD YOUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE NOTHIN' TO DO WITH THAT GUY IN THE FREEZER!
WE WASN'T EVEN HERE!
Since Maroni's death, his sons, Umberto and Pino, have run it in the exact same manner.

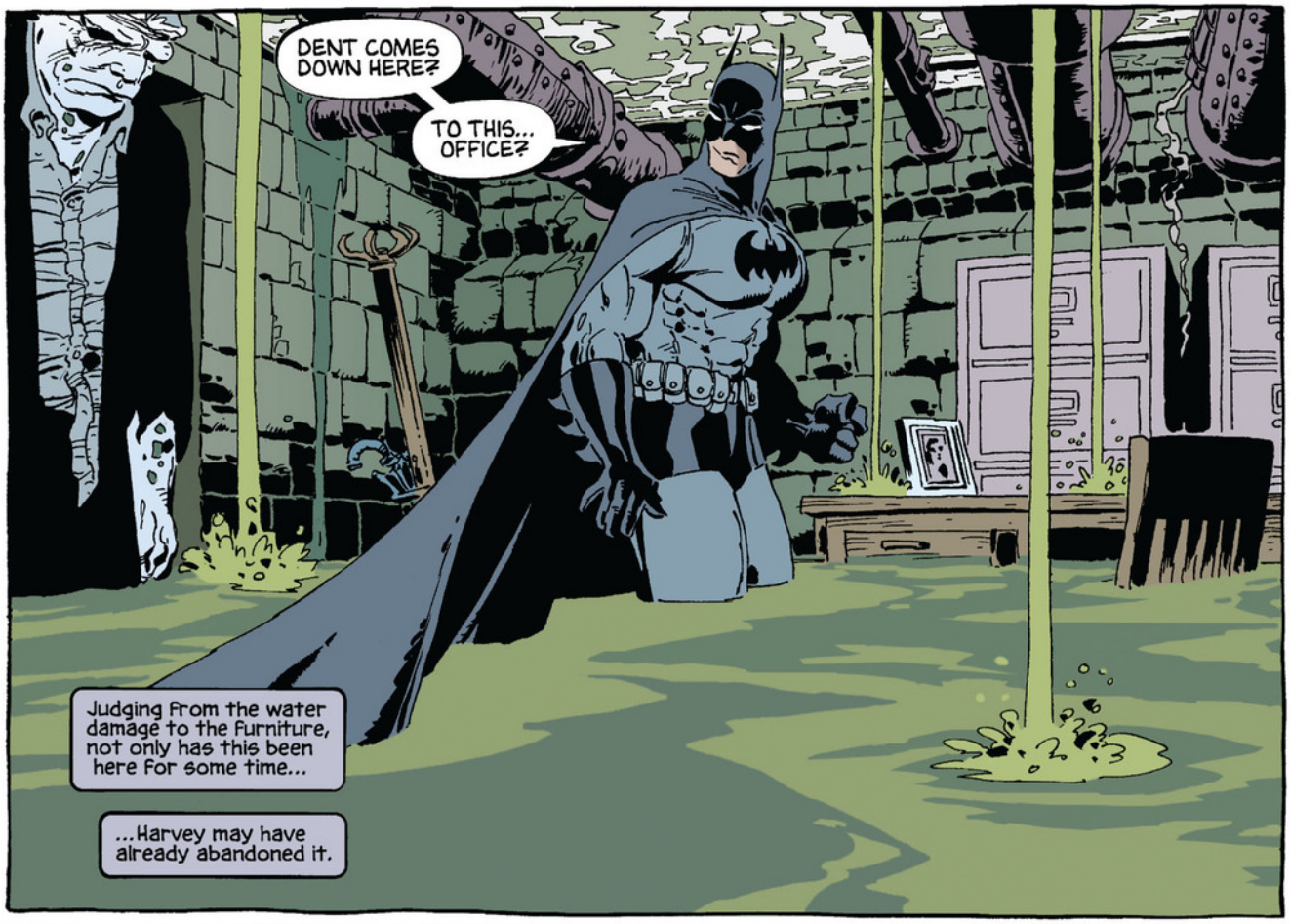
THE DEAD COP AT THE CHEETAH CLUB ON CHRISTMAS -- THAT WAS YOUR PLACE, TOO.
TWO NIGHTS AGO, THE CHEETAH CLUB GOES UP IN FLAMES.
AND YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!
HEY, I GOT A BUSTED WING HERE!


YOUR FATHER THOUGHT HE WAS ABOVE THE LAW.
THROWING ACID INTO PEOPLE'S FACES.
IT'S TIME YOU LEARNED YOU'RE NOT.


I HOPE YOU DIDN'T HAVE PLANS TONIGHT, PORTER. I WANT THEM BOTH CHARGED.
ON... WHAT GROUNDS? THEY'LL MAKE BAIL IN --
-- CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER. ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM. VIOLATION OF THE CITY'S HEALTH CODE!

AND... FOR EVIDENCE?
LET ME HANDLE THAT.

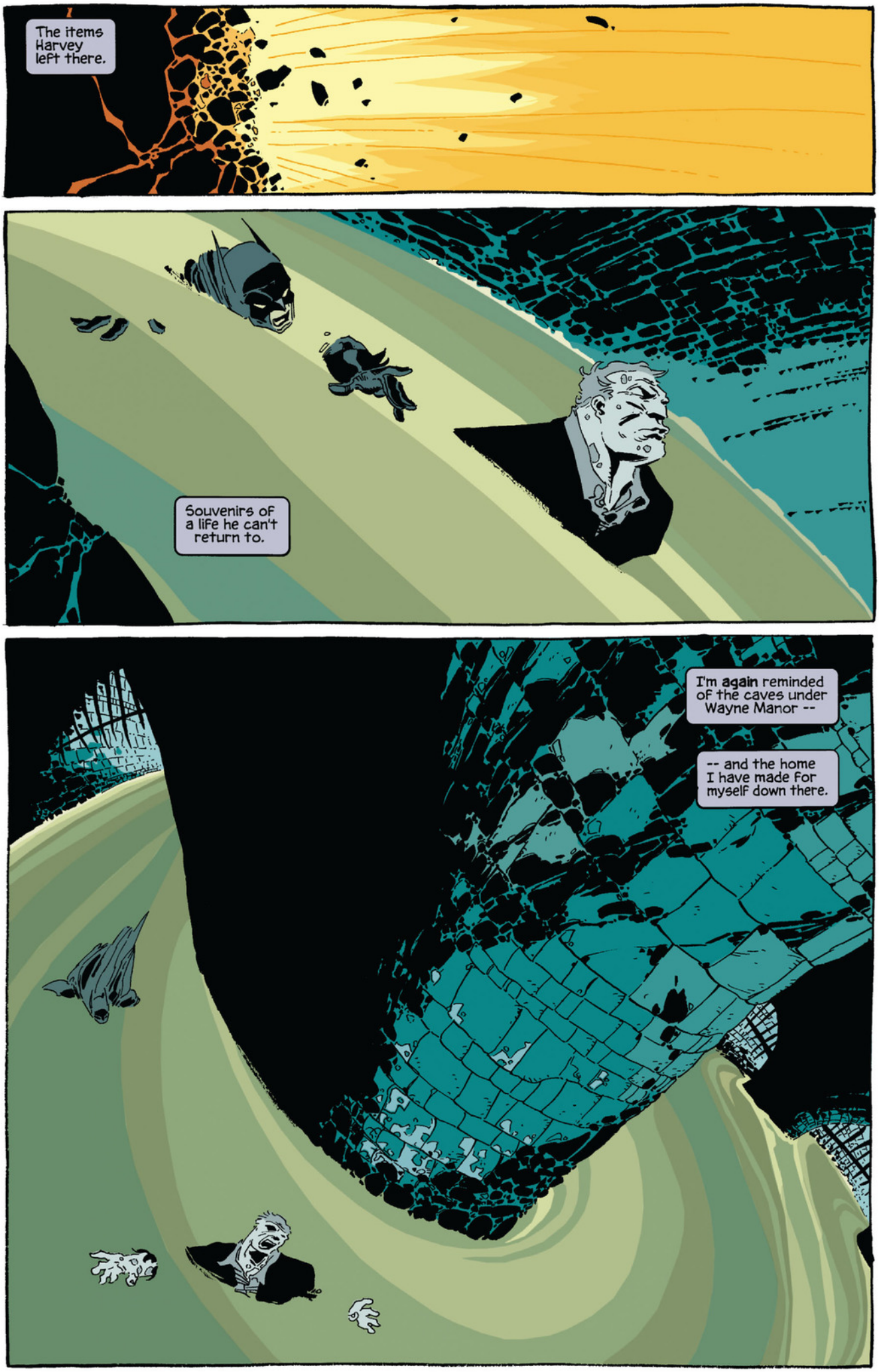
Gilda Dent. His one true love.
After Harvey was committed to Arkham, Gilda moved away. Never to be heard from again.

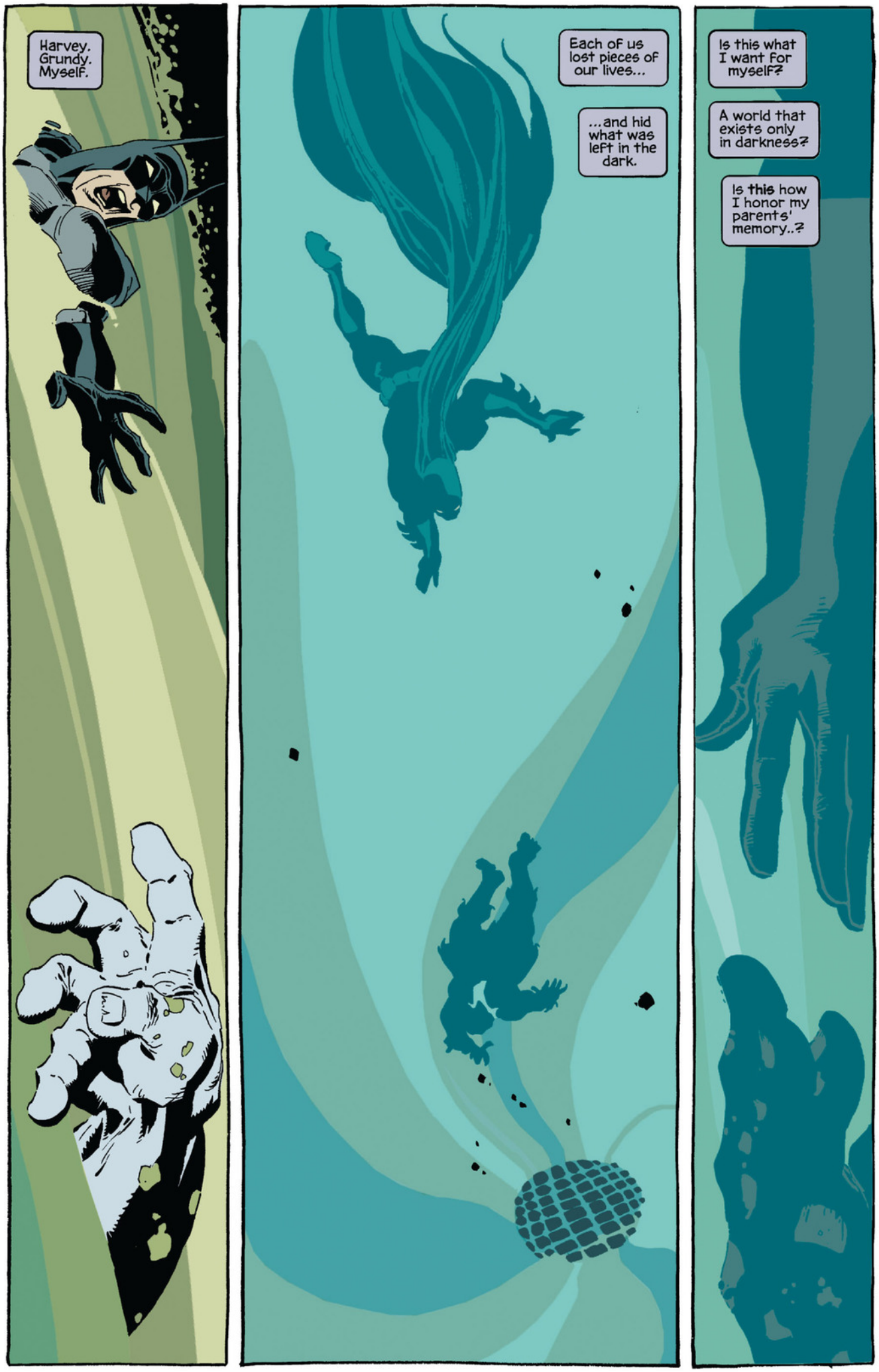

DENT COMES DOWN HERE?
TO THIS... OFFICE?
Judging from the water damage to the furniture, not only has this been here for some time...
...Harvey may have already abandoned it.

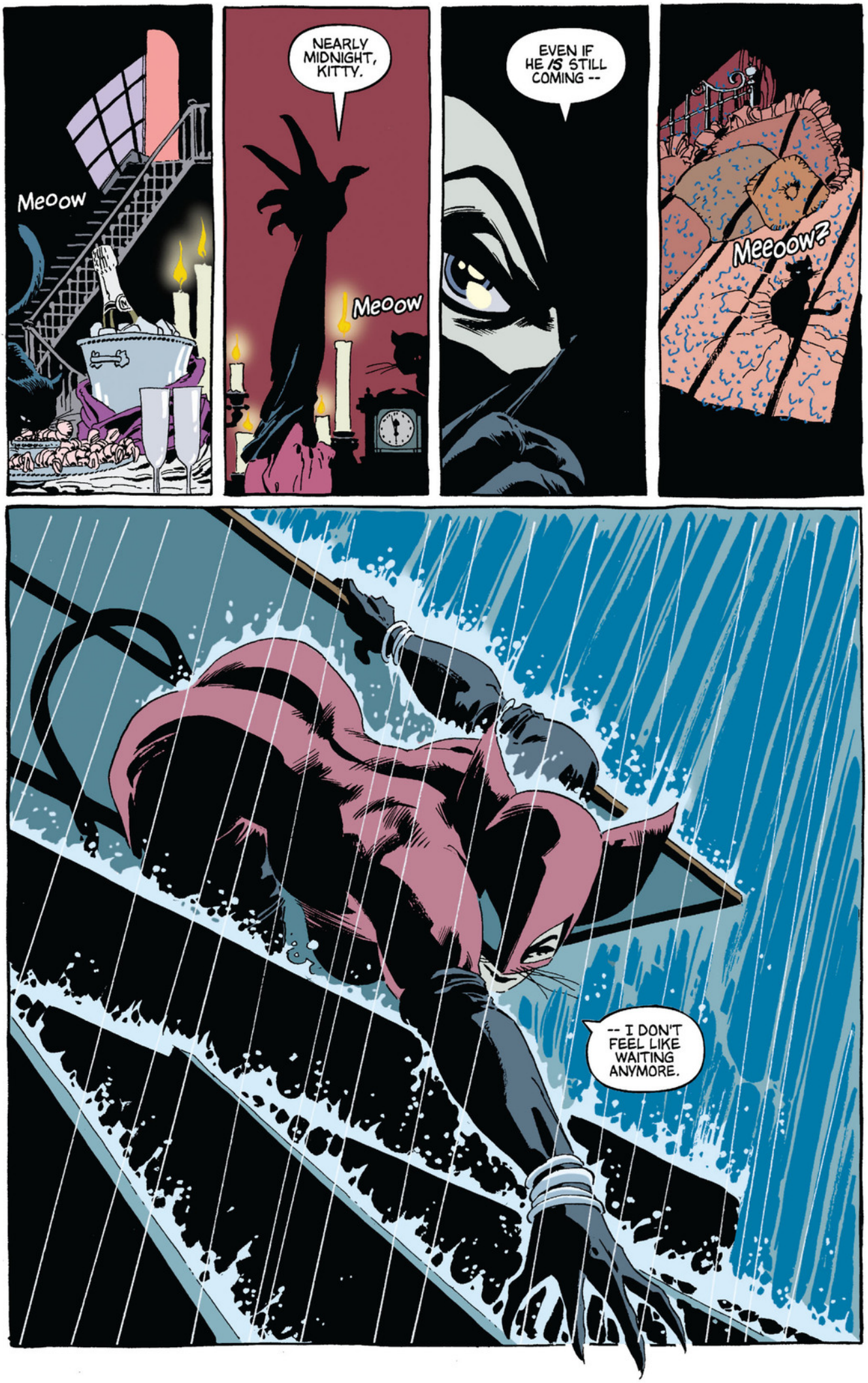
WHEN IS HE COMING BACK?

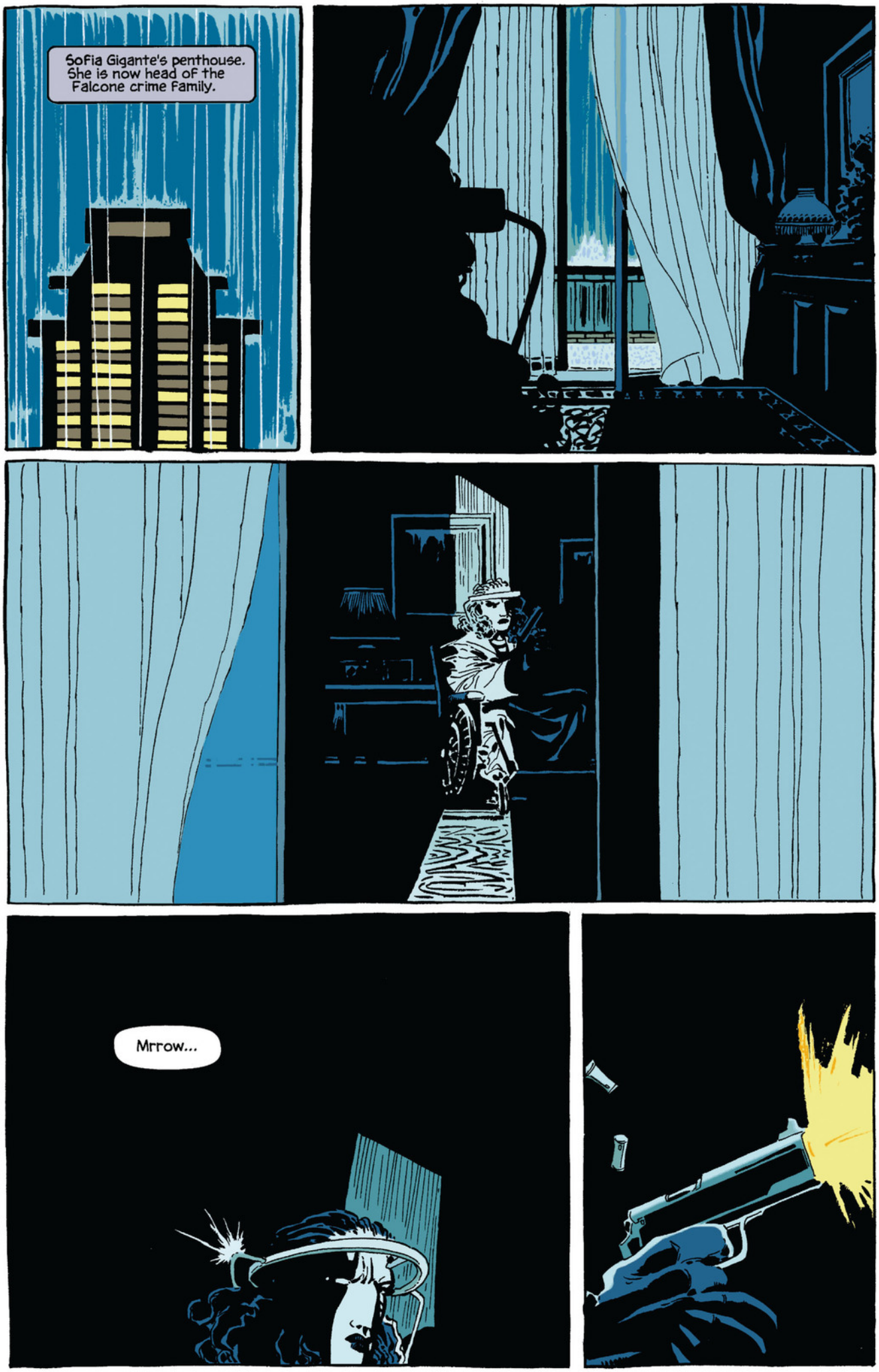
IS *TWO-FACE* COMING BACK --?

DOWN! NOW!


The items Harvey left there.
Souvenirs of a life he can't return to.
I'm **again** reminded of the caves under Wayne Manor --
-- and the home I have made for myself down there.

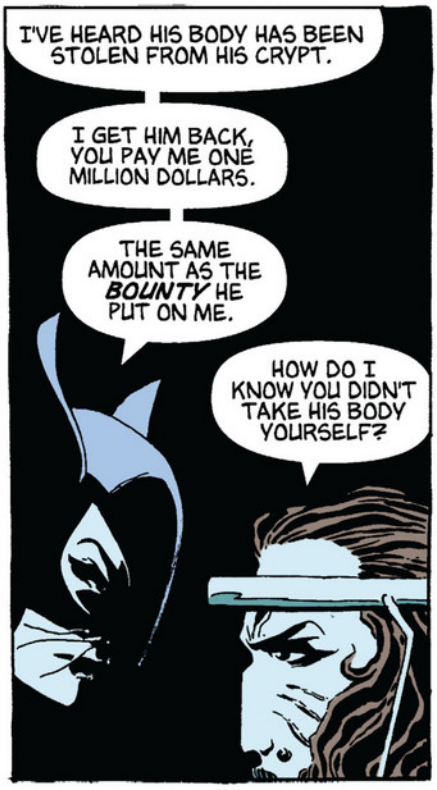

Harvey. Grundy. Myself.
Each of us lost pieces of our lives...
...and hid what was left in the dark.
Is this what I want for myself?
A world that exists only in darkness?
Is **this** how I honor my parents' memory..?


Meoow
NEARLY MIDNIGHT, KITTY.
Meoow
EVEN IF HE IS STILL COMING --
Meeoow?
-- I DON'T FEEL LIKE WAITING ANYMORE.


Sofia Gigante's penthouse. She is now head of the Falcone crime family.
Mrrow...

TWO SHOTS.
NINE LIVES.
I'D QUIT WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT... YOUR FATHER.
WHAT'S HE TO YOU?

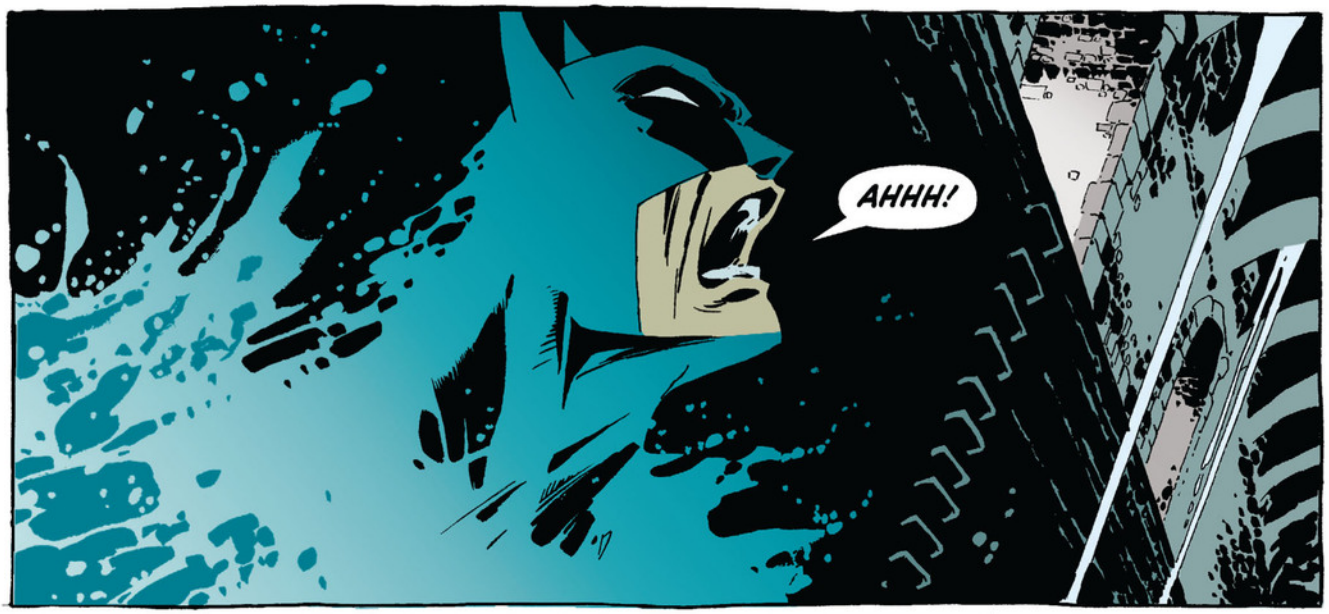

I'VE HEARD HIS BODY HAS BEEN STOLEN FROM HIS CRYPT.
I GET HIM BACK, YOU PAY ME ONE MILLION DOLLARS.
THE SAME AMOUNT AS THE *BOUNTY* HE PUT ON ME.
HOW DO I KNOW YOU DIDN'T TAKE HIS BODY YOURSELF?

YOU DON'T.
BUT *EITHER* WAY, *YOU* GET HIM BACK AND *I* GET THE MILLION DOLLARS.
WHY WOULD *YOU* WANT THE JOB?

MAYBE IT'S THE MONEY.
MAYBE I'M JUST CURIOUS AS TO WHO TOOK HIM AND WHY.
MAYBE IT'S NONE OF YOUR DAMN BUSINESS.

YOU REALLY *CAN'T* GET OUT OF THAT CHAIR, CAN YOU, SOFIA?
GO TO HELL.

I HAVEN'T HEARD YOU SAY "*NO*" TO MY OFFER.
SO, I'LL TAKE THAT AS A "*YES*."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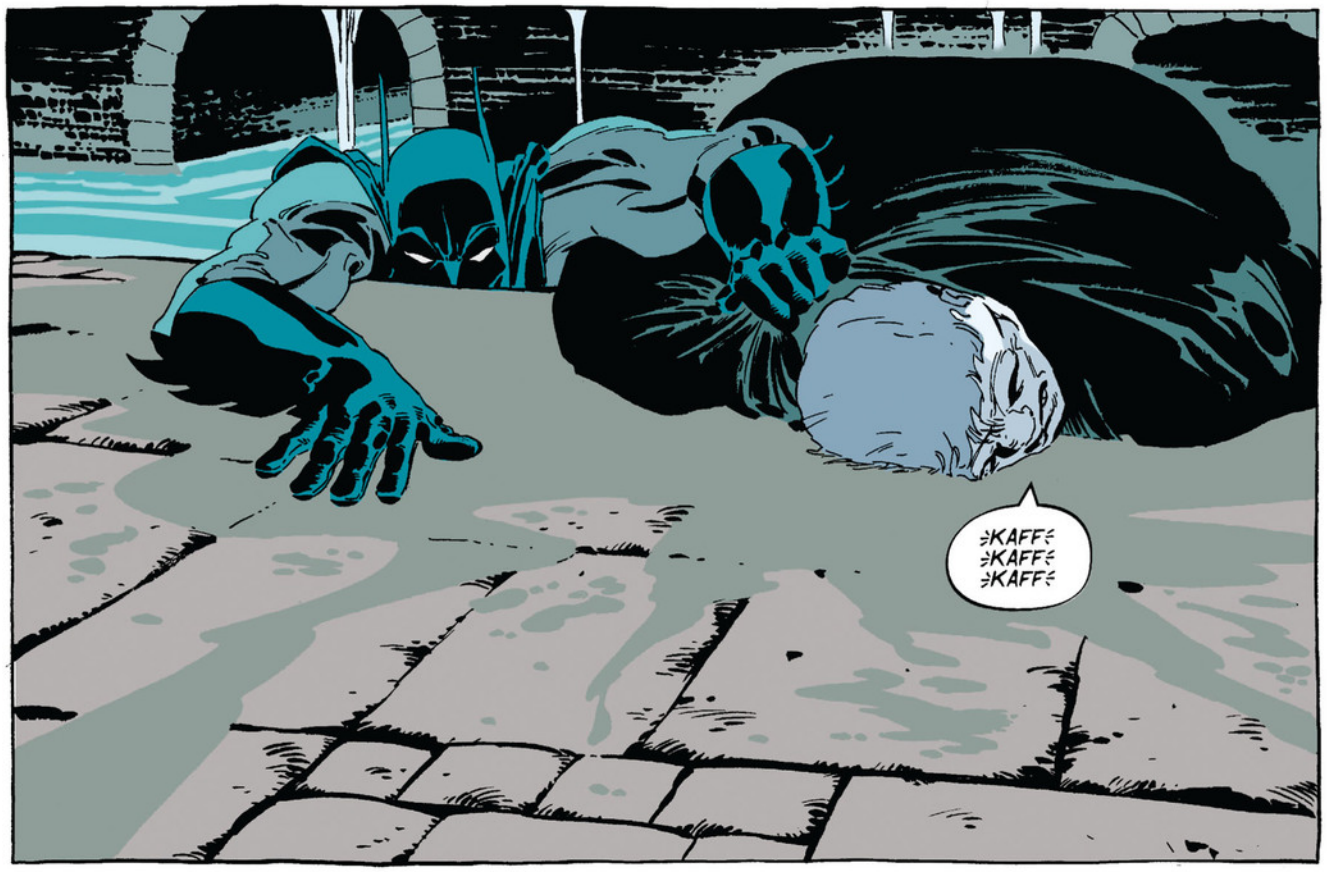
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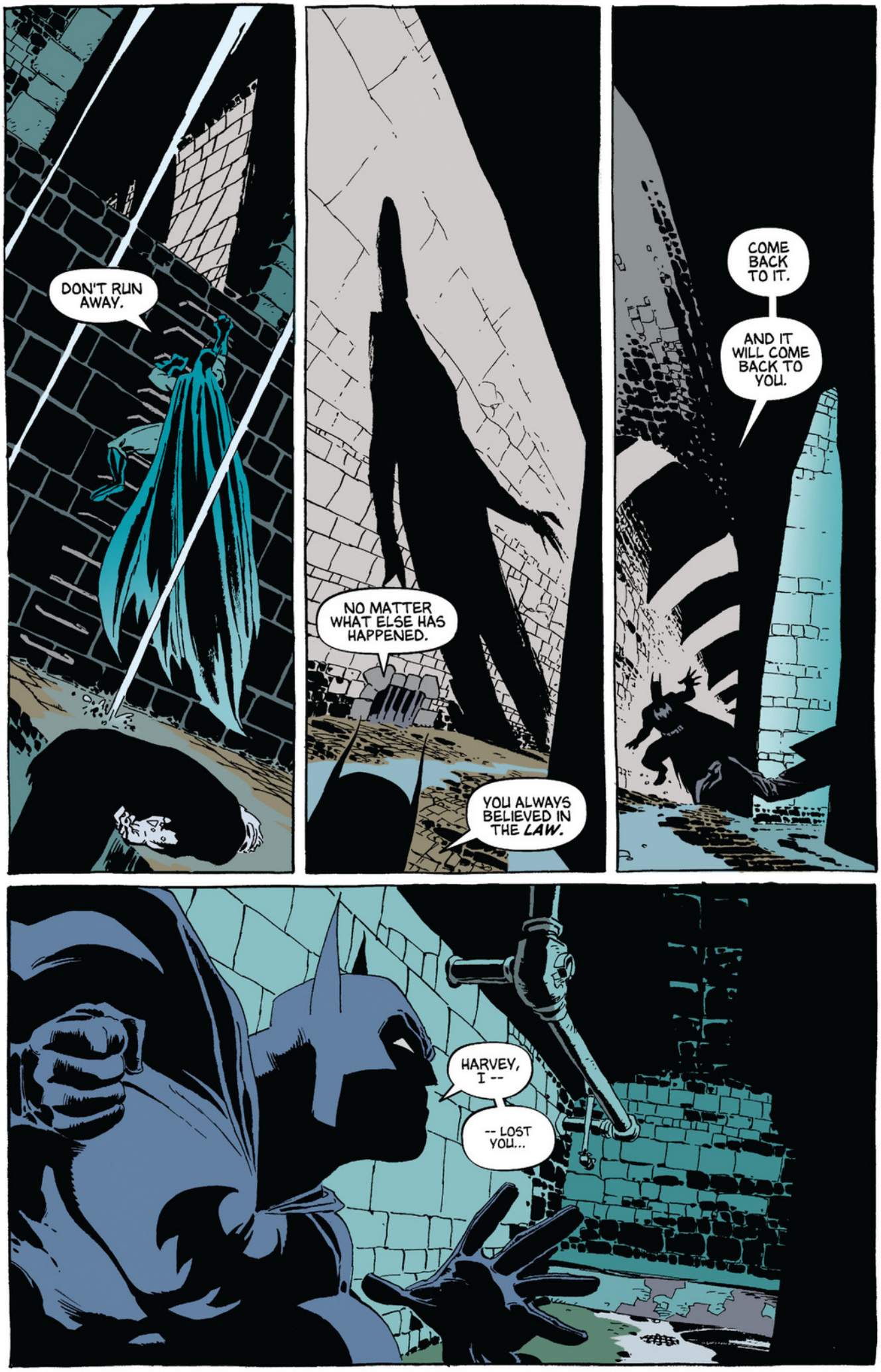
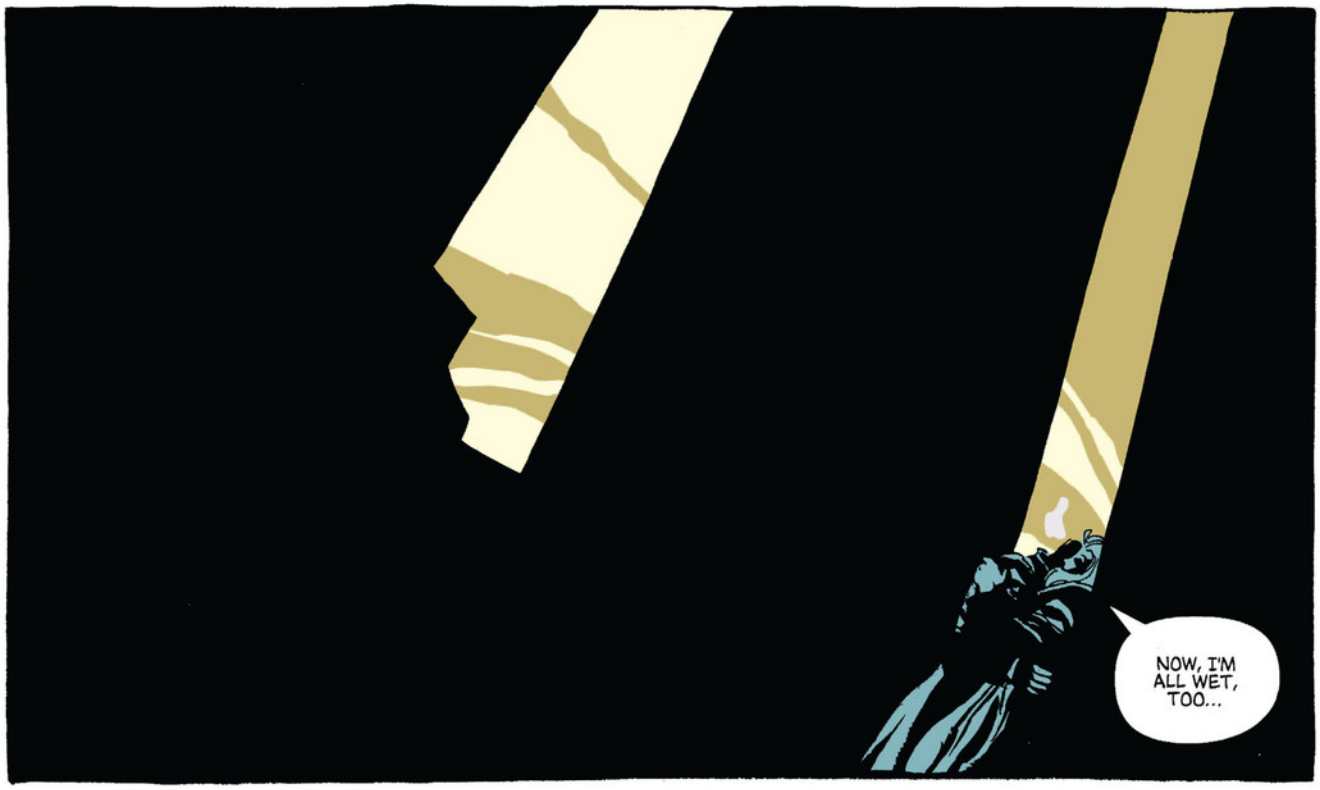
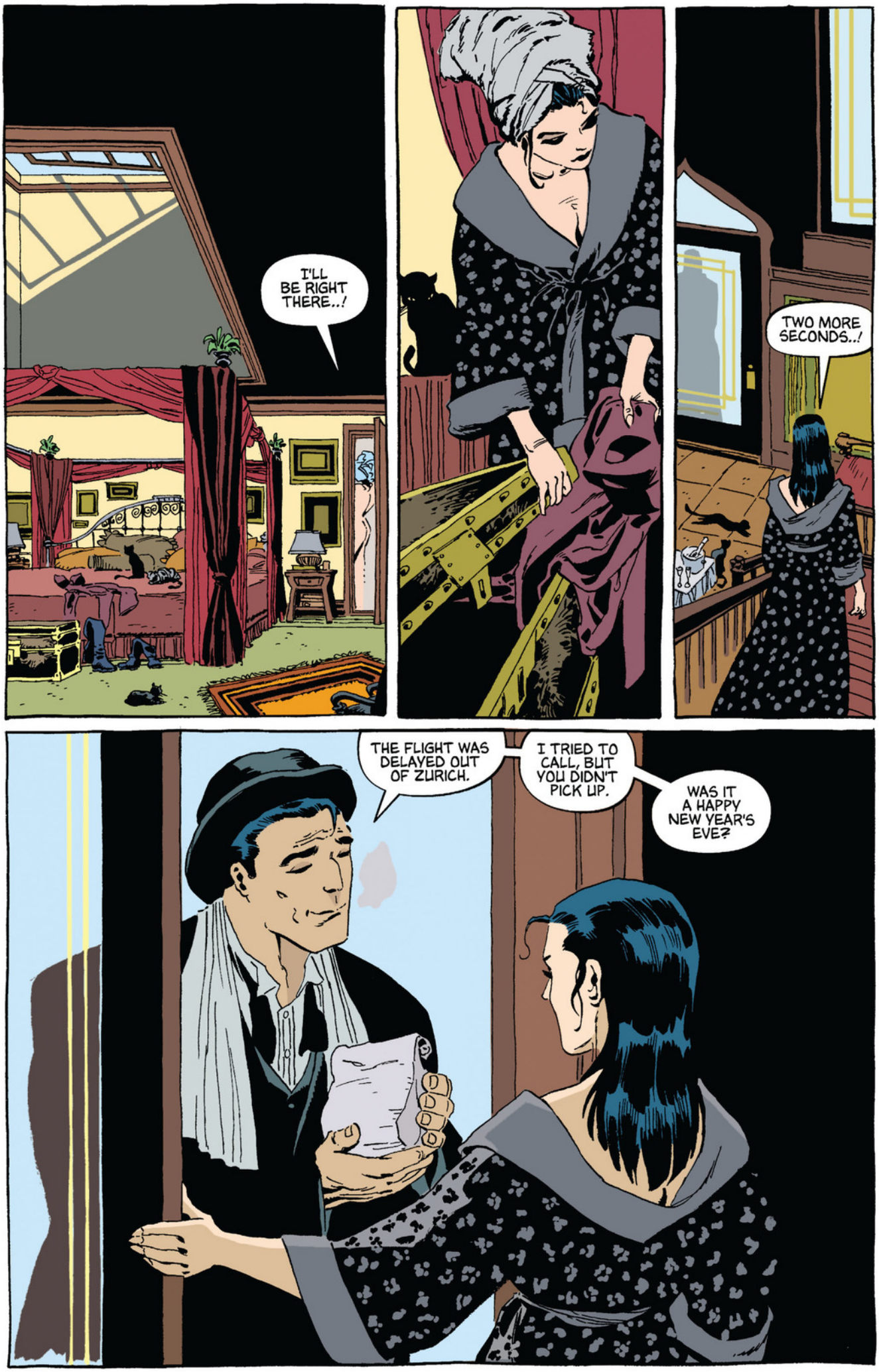
HARVEY..?

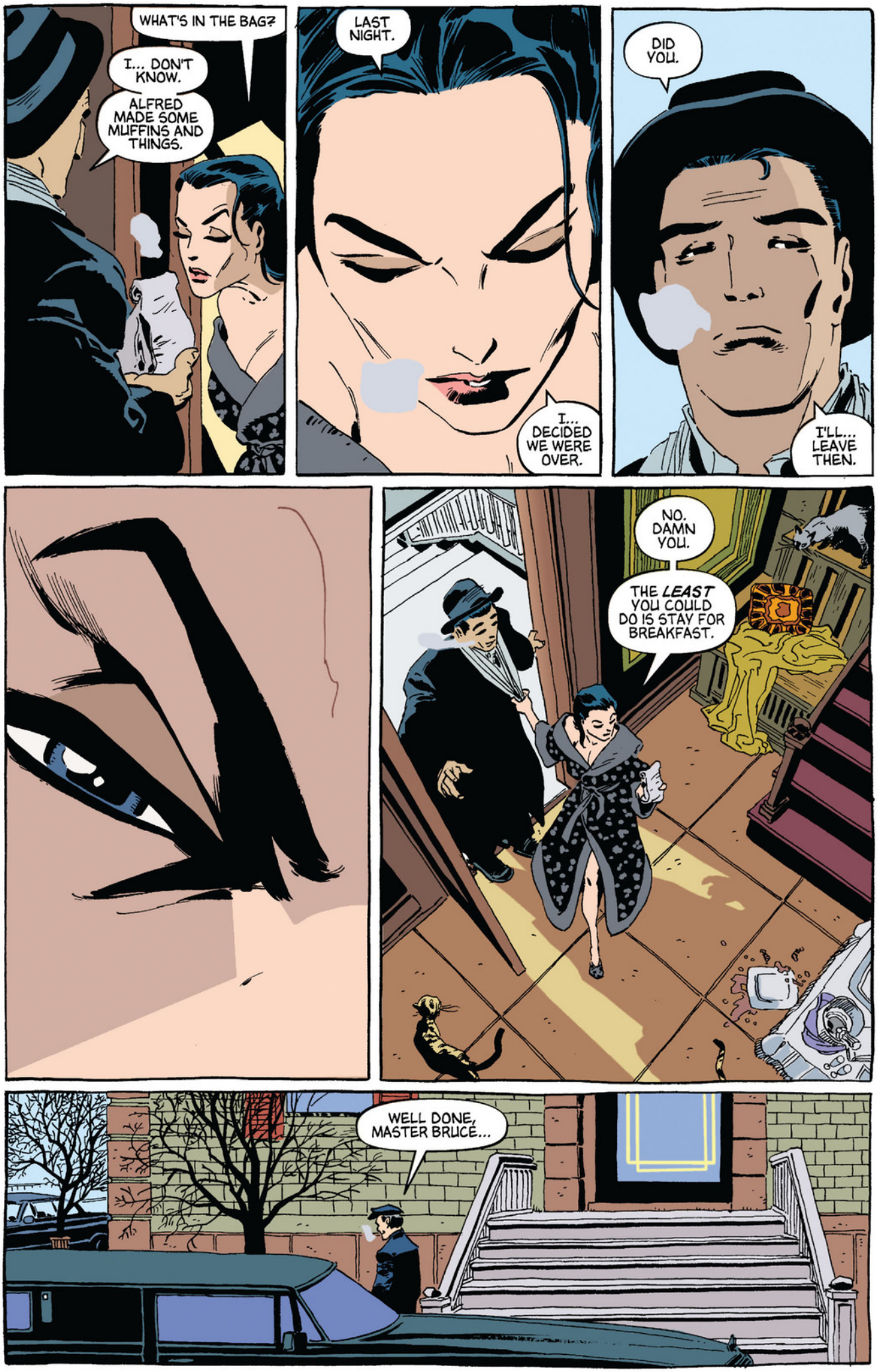

DON'T RUN AWAY.
NO MATTER WHAT ELSE HAS HAPPENED.
YOU ALWAYS BELIEVED IN THE *LAW*.
COME BACK TO IT.
AND IT WILL COME BACK TO YOU.
HARVEY, I --
-- LOST YOU...

SIGH
HAPPY NEW YEAR, PORTER.

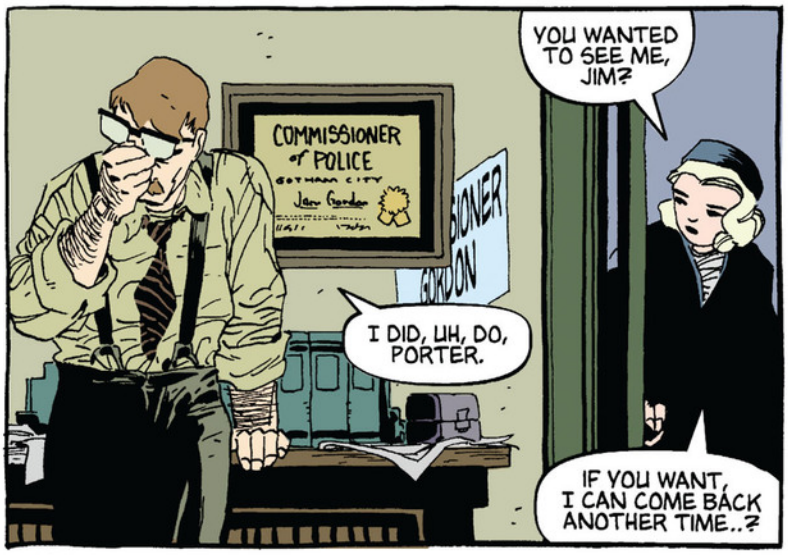
HEY! LET GO OF --!

YOU'RE ALL WET.

NOW, I'M ALL WET, TOO...


I'LL BE RIGHT THERE..!
TWO MORE SECONDS..!
THE FLIGHT WAS DELAYED OUT OF ZURICH.
I TRIED TO CALL, BUT YOU DIDN'T PICK UP.
WAS IT A HAPPY NEW YEAR'S EVE?

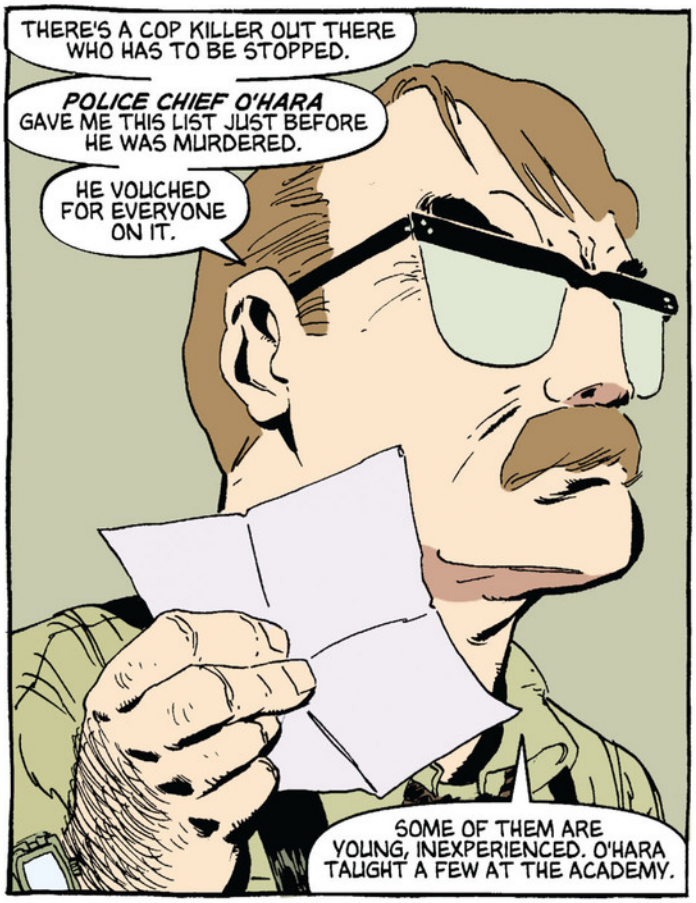

WHAT'S IN THE BAG?
I... DON'T KNOW.
ALFRED MADE SOME MUFFINS AND THINGS.
LAST NIGHT.
I... DECIDED WE WERE OVER.
DID YOU.
I'LL... LEAVE THEN.
NO. DAMN YOU.
THE *LEAST* YOU COULD DO IS STAY FOR BREAKFAST.
WELL DONE, MASTER BRUCE...

BARBARA...
BARBARA, I'M ONLY ASKING THAT YOU THINK ABOUT COMING BACK HOME.
I KNOW YOU'RE ANGRY, BUT...
...IS THAT ALL YOU WANT TO BE? ANGRY?
NO, TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE THE TIME OFF.
BUT... I MISS YOU AND I MISS OUR SON.
I MISS US, BARBARA.
AT LEAST...
...AT LEAST, PROMISE ME YOU'LL THINK ABOUT IT.
KISS JAMES FOR ME. WISH HIM A HAPPY NEW YEAR.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU CAN COME IN.

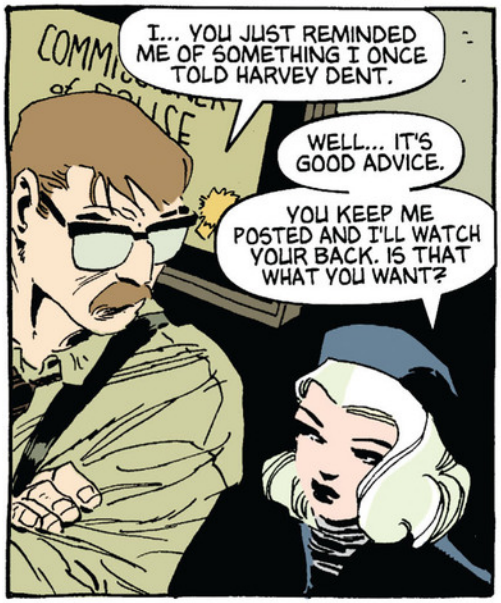

COMMISSIONER of POLICE
GOTHAM CITY
Jim Gordon
YOU WANTED TO SEE ME, JIM?
I DID, UH, DO, PORTER.
IF YOU WANT, I CAN COME BACK ANOTHER TIME..?

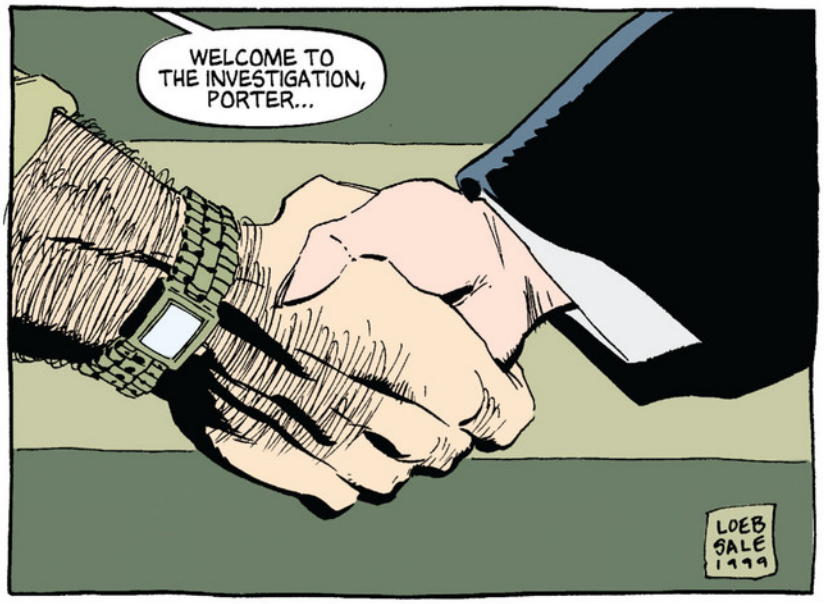
NO, NO. NOW'S AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY.

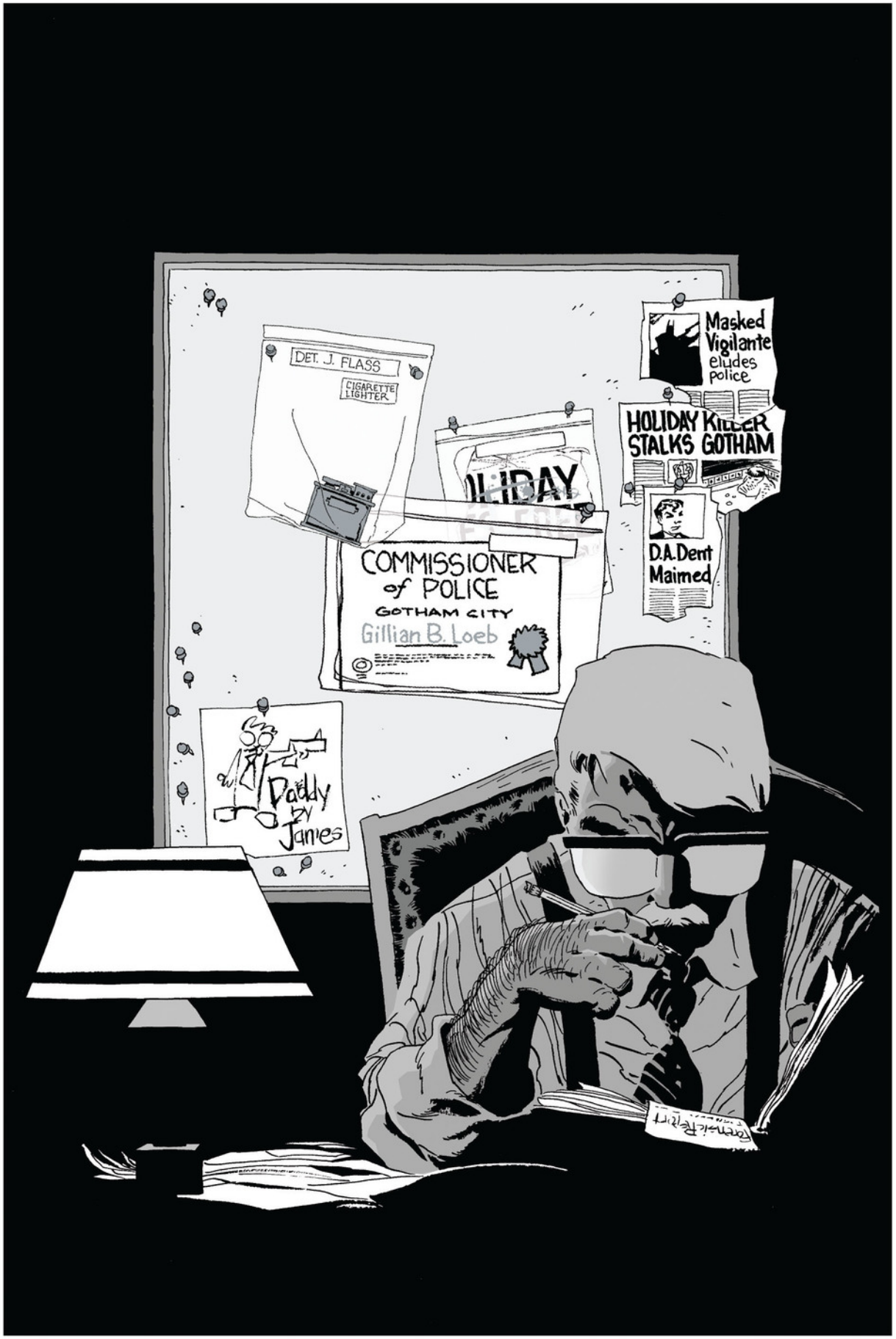
NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT THIS. AND NO ONE'S GOING TO FIND OUT, RIGHT?
THAT... DEPENDS ON WHAT YOU HAVE IN MIND.


THERE'S A COP KILLER OUT THERE WHO HAS TO BE STOPPED.
POLICE CHIEF O'HARA GAVE ME THIS LIST JUST BEFORE HE WAS MURDERED.
HE VOUCHED FOR EVERYONE ON IT.
SOME OF THEM ARE YOUNG, INEXPERIENCED. O'HARA TAUGHT A FEW AT THE ACADEMY.

I'M PUTTING TOGETHER AN UNDERCOVER SQUAD THAT WILL ANSWER ONLY TO ME.
JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR, YOU CAN BEND THE RULES, BUT I WON'T LET YOU BREAK THEM --
-- OTHERWISE, HOW ARE YOU DIFFERENT FROM...
...WHY ARE YOU SMILING?


I... YOU JUST REMINDED ME OF SOMETHING I ONCE TOLD HARVEY DENT.
WELL... IT'S GOOD ADVICE.
YOU KEEP ME POSTED AND I'LL WATCH YOUR BACK. IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT?


WELCOME TO THE INVESTIGATION, PORTER...
LOEB SALE 1999


DET. J. FLASS
CIGARETTE LIGHTER
Masked Vigilante eludes police
HOLIDAY KILLER STALKS GOTHAM
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